

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 854

Introduced by Assembly Member Koretz

February 20, 2003

An act to add Article 9 (commencing with Section 41995) to Chapter 3 of Part 4 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to air quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 854, as introduced, Koretz. Air quality: dry cleaning operation grant program.

Existing law designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with coordinating efforts to attain and maintain ambient air quality standards.

This bill would prohibit the use of perchloroethylene by any dry cleaning operation in the state after January 1, 2014. The bill would require the state board to impose a \$3 fee on every person that purchases a gallon of perchloroethylene in the state, and to deposit the revenues generated by that fee in the Nontoxic Dry Cleaning Incentive Trust Account, which would be established in the Air Pollution Control Fund by the bill. The bill would authorize moneys deposited in the account to be expended by the state board to fund a grant program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, that would provide incentives for dry cleaners in the state that utilize perchloroethylene in their operations to transition to utilizing nontoxic alternatives. The bill would require the state board to develop and establish that grant program, which would provide a \$10,000 grant to any eligible dry cleaning operation that is transitioning to wet cleaning or carbon dioxide cleaning, and a \$5,000

grant to any eligible dry cleaning operation that is transitioning to hydrocarbon or silicon-based cleaning.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) State and federal scientific health agencies have determined
4 that perchloroethylene is either a probable, possible, or known
5 carcinogen.

6 (b) Occupational health studies have found elevated rates of
7 lung, cervical, bladder, and other cancers in dry cleaning workers.

8 (c) Laboratory studies have found increased numbers of
9 cancerous tumor in animals exposed to perchloroethylene.

10 SEC. 2. Article 9 (commencing with Section 41995) is added
11 to Chapter 3 of Part 4 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code,
12 to read:

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14 Article 9. Perchloroethylene In Dry Cleaning Operations

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16 41995. Perchloroethylene may not be utilized by any dry
17 cleaning operation in the state after January 1, 2014.

18 41996. (a) The state board shall impose a three dollar (\$3.00)
19 fee on every person that purchases a gallon of perchloroethylene
20 in the state.

21 (b) Moneys generated by the fee imposed pursuant to
22 subdivision (a) shall be deposited in the Nontoxic Dry Cleaning
23 Incentive Trust Account in the Air Pollution Control Fund, which
24 is hereby established.

25 (c) Moneys deposited in the Nontoxic Dry Cleaning Incentive
26 Account may be expended by the state board to fund the grant
27 program described in Section 41997, upon appropriation by the
28 Legislature for that purpose.

29 41997. (a) The state board shall develop and establish a grant
30 program that provides incentives for dry cleaners in the state that
31 utilize perchloroethylene in their operations to transition to
32 utilizing nontoxic alternatives.



1 (b) The state board shall determine the eligibility of grant
2 recipients.

3 (c) The state board shall make the following grants available to
4 eligible recipients for the purchase of new equipment:

5 (1) Ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) grants to any dry cleaning
6 operation that is transitioning to wet cleaning or carbon dioxide
7 cleaning.

8 (2) Five thousand dollar (\$5,000) grants to any dry cleaning
9 operation that is transitioning to hydrocarbon or silicon-based
10 cleaning.

